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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Juozas BRAZAITIS

1. The undersigned met with subject on 16 April 1955 at 1700 in New York at a downtown hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss subject's contemplated trip to Europe and his itinerary.

2. Subject explained that he had already submitted an application for a reentry permit and that as soon as he receives the permit he will then make arrangements for departure for Europe by plane. He expects to leave about 20 May and visit Paris first where he will meet with Minister BACKIS. (See memo dated 25 March 1955). He will then proceed to Strasbourg and attend the meeting the European Consultative Assembly. He will also contact members of his party there. From Strasbourg he will proceed to Munich, Reutlingen, Bonn and, if possible, he expects to visit Zurich and Stockholm. It was agreed that when subject arrives in Munich he will contact PRAPUOLENIS who will tell him how to contact []. The undersigned told subject that [] would like to arrange a meeting with subject in Germany together with PAJAUJIS who is to come from Sweden. Subject stated that in view of the fact that he will first go to France it would be best to have this meeting after the first of June 1955.

3. Subject then told the undersigned that he had received a letter from Professor IVINSKAS, a leader of the FRONTAS party who is now residing at Bonn. The latter wrote subject that he was contacted by a certain Professor IBSEN who represents the Germany Foreign Ministry. Professor IBSEN explained to Professor IVINSKAS that the German Government looks with disfavor on Dr. KARVELIS. They consider him an "HOCHTAPLER" - a political opportunist - and would be glad if he disappeared from the scene at Bonn. He further stated that the German Foreign Ministry would be glad to have BRAZAITIS in Bonn as representative of Lithuanian matters before the Ministry. Subject added that he received the impression from IVINSKAS' letter that the German officials are anxious to meet with him and discuss various aspects of Lithuanian political affairs.

4. Subject further explained that the reason for his plan to visit Zurich was to meet with a certain Dr. SCAPER. The latter is a newspaper man of German origin whom subject has been meeting while in Germany after the war. According to subject, Dr. SCAPER has been very close with the German Wehrmacht and apparently still has close contact in German military circles.

5. Subject then asked the undersigned whether it is possible to receive more details on SKRAJUNAS' death, namely whether information about his death was obtained from British sources. He explained that the

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reason for this request was that he recently met with SKRAJUNAS' widow and the latter still believes that SKRAJUNAS is alive. The undersigned told subject that inasmuch as he (the undersigned) is unfamiliar with the details, he would suggest that BRAZAITIS talk about the case with [] when he meets him in Germany.

6. It was agreed that when subject makes reservation for his air passage he will notify the undersigned so that financial arrangements for the trip can be made.

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Chief, Lithuanian Desk

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